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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced the unsealing of a seven-count indictment charging Teresa A. Winger, DOB: 11/1/59, of Minocqua, Wisconsin, with two counts of bank fraud and five counts of credit card fraud. The indictment was returned by a grand jury on October 4, 2006.

The bank fraud counts in the indictment allege that Winger used her parent's names and other identifying information to secure a home loan. The credit card fraud counts allege that she used other individual's identities to secure credit cards and then used the credit cards for her own benefit.

If convicted, Winger could be sentenced to a maximum period of incarceration of 30 years and ordered to pay a \$1,000,000.00 fine on each of the two bank fraud counts. On each of the five credit card counts, she could receive a maximum period of incarceration of 10 years and ordered to pay a \$250,000.00 fine.

The charges against Theresa A. Winger are the result of an investigation conducted by Wausau Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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